

## Message Text

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TAGS: SWEL, ET

SUBJECT: ASMARA WATER SUPPLY

1. (U) IL QUOTIDIANO ERITREO OF 29 JAN CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON THE POLLUTED SMELL OF THE ASMARA WATER SUPPLY FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS. THE NAUSEOUS ODOR LED TO SPECULATION THAT DDT HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE WATER. MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITIES EXPLAINED THAT SMELL CAME FROM CONTAINERS, USED TO ADD LIME TO THE WATER, WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. THE AUTHORITIES EXPLAINED THAT LABORATORY TESTS PROVE THAT THE WATER IS POTABLE AND THAT THE SMELL SHOULD BE GONE BY MIDDAY TODAY.

2. (LOU) COMMENT: THE SMELL OF THE CITY WATER SUPPLY ONLY HELPS INCREASE RUMORS THAT GOVT PAID AGENTS HAD TRIED TO POISON VILLAGE WELLS ON THE HAMASIEN PLATEAU. SAMPLE OF ASMARA WATER POUCHED TO DR. BABCOCK FOR ANALYSIS.  
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